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1. A member of the Central Committee of the Islah (Reform) Party was recently asked by an officer of the Spanish Delegation For Native Affairs in Tetuan when the Party anticipated the republication of their organ al-Oumma. The Islah Party member received the impression that the Spanish government was anxious for the paper to reappear in order to demonstrate the existence of political freedom in the Spanish Zone of Morocco.<sup>1,2</sup>
2. The Islah Party plans to continue to refuse publication of al-Oumma as long as censorship and circulation restrictions continue in the Rif.

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## Comments

1. The Spanish authorities feel that at present they have insufficient recourse against responsible Nationalists, as all Nationalist political activity in the Spanish Zone is carried on by word of mouth. Eshaab, organ of the Wahda (Unity) Party, the only Nationalist paper left in Morocco, is printed in Tangier and is allowed in the Spanish Zone with limited circulation. However, it is occasionally confiscated.
2. Eshaab is used also by the Islah Party and, because it is printed in the International Zone, the Spanish authorities have little direct censorship control over the paper. It is obvious, therefore, that the Spanish officials would like to have the Islah organ published in their Zone where it would be subject to Spanish control.

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